



Moorfield Primary School

Vibrant Loving Proud

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Dear Parents/Carers,

I am sure you are all as thrilled as I am following the Prime Minister's announcement that all children can return to school on the 8th March 2021. The news is truly welcome and it seems the light at the end of the tunnel is getting closer.

The arrangements we had in place from September to December will be reinstated and we will continue to follow the government guidelines to protect children, staff and parents/carers by providing a Covid secure environment based on a thorough review of our risk assessment.

We have made a few changes to some of our procedures, which I have outlined below; please take some time to familiarise yourselves with these before the return to school on Monday. If you have any questions, please do contact us at school.

Finally, I want to say that I could not be prouder of our school community and the way in which you as parents and carers, have stepped up to the challenges that 'Lockdown' has brought. You have worked so hard to support your children, manage your home, keep working and embrace the remote learning opportunities that we have provided, while managing to stay calm and patient. Thank you to you all: parents/carers, staff and all of our children, we are very much looking forward to welcoming you back to Moorfield, on the 8th March

Best wishes

K Heyes

Headteacher

Pick up and drop off times will be as follows.

Year group	Start of day drop off time	Entrance	End of day pick up time	Exit
EYFS & Siblings	8.40am	Car park gate	3pm	Car park gate
Yr 1 Miss Hayes	From 8.30- before 8.40am	Car park gate	3.05pm	Car park gate
Yr1/2 Miss Myers	8.35am	Main Gate	3.10pm	Main Gate
Yr 2 Mrs Taylor	From 8.30- before 8.40am	Car park gate	3.10pm	Car park gate
Yr 3 Miss Scott & Y3 Mrs Cooke	8.30 am	Dykin Road	3.05pm	Dykin Road
Yr 4 Miss Riley & Yr4 Miss Scott	8.40am	Dykin Road	3.15pm	Dykin Road

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Yr 5 Miss Smith	8.35am	Dykin Road	3.10pm	Dykin Road
Yr 6 Mrs Hunt & Mrs Rowlands	8.30am	Main gate	3.15am	Main gate

NB For those with siblings, please refer to individual times.

Reminders

Attendance:

School attendance will be mandatory again from the beginning of the Spring term for all children unless they are unable to attend for health reasons, in line with the government guidance on pupils who are shielding or self-isolating. This means from that point, the usual rules on school attendance will apply, including:

- parents' duty to ensure that their child attends regularly at school where the child is a registered pupil at school and they are of compulsory school age;
- schools' responsibilities to record attendance and follow up absence;
- the availability to issue sanctions, including fixed penalty notices in line with local authorities' codes of conduct
- Term dates are available on our website. May I remind parents/carers that we are not able to authorise term-time holidays unless there are extenuating circumstances.
- If there are specific circumstances preventing your child from returning to school, please contact the school. There will be no home learning for children unless they are self-isolating or shielding due to medical advice. The school will require written evidence with regard to any child shielding or self-isolating.

Controlling the infection

The school will be implementing the following measures in line with government guidance to reduce the risk of transmission.

- Ensuring that people who are ill stay at home
- Regular handwashing
- Enhanced cleaning
- Active engagement with NHS test and trace
- Reduced contact between bubble at all times

Children must not attend the school if they display any coronavirus symptoms. In this situation, the school will only allow the child to return if they either have a negative test or have self-isolated for 7 days.

Children must not attend the school if a member of their household displays any coronavirus symptoms. In this situation, the school will only allow the child to return if the member of the household has a negative test or your child has self-isolated for 14 days.

In both cases it is the duty of the parent or carer to get their child or the member of their household tested and to inform the school about the symptoms and provide the proof of a negative or positive test. This will allow the school to protect others in the school community.

Safety Procedures

- As far as possible, we will keep children within their own bubbles to reduce the amount of contact they have with others. There will be five bubbles to allow us to operate our maths and English curriculum effectively. During the morning, children will be taught in ability sets.

This will mean some children will have a different teacher, for their English and maths lessons, other than their class teacher: Bubble 1- EYFS; Bubble 2 -Year 1 and Year 2; Bubble 3-Year 3 and Year 4; Bubble 4- Year 5 and Bubble 5- Year 6.

- It is important that children understand the following:
 - They should not touch or hug anyone – staff or pupils.
 - They will be expected to sit and stay at their own table when in class unless directed otherwise to by the teacher.
 - They cannot share snacks or any food.
 - Each child will use their own personal stationery. Occasionally they may share learning resources when directed to by the teacher.
 - They must maintain distance at playtime, which means they cannot play contact games such as football, catch and tag.
 - They have to wash their hands properly, for 20 seconds, using the advised technique throughout the day as guided by staff and after toileting or if they have coughed or sneezed into their hands.
 - They will be encouraged to cough/sneeze into the elbow crease.
- Parents/Carers must wear a mask at drop off and pick up times and maintain their distance from others.
- There will be a one-way system operating at each of the entrance and exit points around the school building and we request that parents and carers leave the site quickly and avoid chatting with each other.
- There will be **no vehicle access** to Dykin Road Car Park between 8.15am - 9.15am and 2.30-3.30pm
- Children will not be allowed to bring bikes and scooters onto the school grounds for the foreseeable future.
- We will also ask that parents/carers avoid getting into conversations with teachers at these entrance and exit points .If you need to talk to a member of staff, please use email address sec.moorfield@halton.gov.uk or telephone the School Office 0151 424 3108 as this will ensure the information gets to the right person.

Pastoral Support

Pupils may have experienced a variety of emotions in response to the coronavirus (Covid-19) outbreak such as anxiety, stress or low mood and is important to contextualise these feelings as normal responses to an abnormal situation. Some pupils may need support to readjust to school; others may have enjoyed being at home and be reluctant to return; a few may be showing signs of more severe anxiety or depression. Others will not be experiencing any challenges and will be keen and ready to return to school.

As a school we will:

- support the rebuilding of friendships and social engagement (hence the plan to have year group bubbles to allow friendships to flourish again)
- address and equip pupils to respond to issues linked to coronavirus (COVID-19)
- support pupils with approaches to improving their physical and mental wellbeing

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Upon their return, every child will have an opportunity to discuss how they are feeling. If and when required, the physical and mental well-being of a child will be prioritised before academic so that they are 'ready for learning'

Behaviour

It is school's expectation that all children, regardless of their age, follow school staff's advice and guidance for the safety of all the school community. Exceptions may occur where a child's additional needs do not enable them to understand the protocol that is being set and asked of them. Should a child, with or without additional needs, intentionally and/or repeatedly not comply with the appropriate expectations being set for them, their parents may be called and asked to take the child home.

Uniform, Book Bags and PE Kits

When we return to school on 8th March, we will expect that all children are wearing full school uniform. **NB summer uniform can be worn from after the Easter holiday break**

School Uniform Reminder

Please can I remind everyone of acceptable uniform, which is available from Boydells:

Boys

- White long sleeve, formal shirt and school tie
- Navy V-neck school jumper with logo
- Slate grey tailored long trousers (skinny trousers are not suitable for school)
- Grey socks

Girls

- White long sleeved, formal shirt and school tie
- Tartan kilt / skirt / pinafore/ tailored slate grey trousers
- Navy, knee length socks / tights

Shoes

- Black shoes / flat heeled black shoes i.e. shoes that can be polished and stay securely on children's feet. (Trainers/canvas pumps or slip on shoes are not permitted). To avoid any confusion over permitted footwear, please see examples.

Acceptable footwear



Unacceptable footwear



Standards and Expectations Reminder

Please can I remind you that we try to encourage school to be a 'fashion free zone' therefore

- **Hairstyles** - Please ensure that your child does not come to school with an extreme hairstyle or a hairstyle that becomes a distraction during lessons and hinders learning – for example, an overly long fringe. All long hair should be tied back with plain black/blue bobbles and/ or a thin blue ribbon only. (overly large bows and fancy head bands are not suitable for school)
- Jewellery is not permitted in school
- Nails must be kept free of nail polish etc
- Children **will be allowed** to bring a school bag with them each day.

This can be the school ruck sack or school book bag, both of which are available to purchase from Boydells, if you don't already have one. If you are purchasing a rucksack from other retailers, this **MUST NOT** be any larger than 6 litre capacity. This will allow us to maintain our risk assessment. Please note that if your child brings a **packed lunch to school this must fit into their school bag**. Alternatively, they can continue to bring a separate hand held packed lunch box and plastic wallet for books. Children **will not be permitted** to bring a bag and separate hand held packed lunch bag. Any bags that do not fit this criteria **will not be** allowed onto the premises.

School rucksack



Children should only bring the following into school:

- Waterproof coat with a hood – children will be outside as much as possible, including on days where there is light rain.
- Packed lunch (if relevant)
- Water bottle – this will need to be taken home every evening and washed. Children must have their own bottle and will not have access to water fountains
- Tissues – this is advisable if you are able to send your child in with their own packet; however if not, we can provide some.
- KS2 children can bring a pencil case to school to store their personal equipment to prevent sharing with others. The pencil case should be a small standard plastic pencil case that is easy to wipe, containing only: an HB pencil, fountain pen and ink cartridges (yr4-Yr6) plain rubber, small pencil sharpener and coloured pencils. This pencil case will remain in school over the half term.
- Children **must not bring their own personal hand sanitiser, toys or anything else into school.**

PE Timetable

- All PE sessions will begin the week of 8/3/20
- Children should continue come to school dressed in their PE kit on their PE day

<u>Class</u>	<u>PE Day</u>
EYFS	Tuesday & Friday
Year 1 Miss Hayes	Tuesday
Year 1 / 2 Miss Myers	Tuesday
Year 2 Mrs Taylor	Tuesday
Year 3 Mrs Cooke	Monday
Year 3 / 4 Miss Scott	Monday
Year 4 Miss Riley	Monday
Year 5 Miss Smith	Thursday
Year 6 Mrs Hunt and Mrs Rowlands	Monday

Clothing for PE

Please not school strives as much as possible to be a fashion free zone , therefore Training shoes and pumps should be all black and non logoed eg no Nike ticks etc

- **Indoor/warm weather PE kit** - White School T-shirt with logo and school navy shorts (no cycling shorts). A change of socks is also required i.e. white ankle socks. Black canvas pumps.
- **Outdoor/ cold weather PE kit** – Navy school hoodie with logo (available from approved supplier) and navy plain sweat-pants (available from supermarket / other outlets) and all black trainers. A change of socks is also required i.e. white ankle socks Children **will not be allowed to wear jumpers and cardigans for outdoor PE lessons.**

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